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Classified By: DCM Martin Quinn, reasons 1.4 (B) and (D).

(C) Points from reftel A were delivered to MFA Director of International Organizations and Conferences Yacoub Al-Hosani on May 1. EconChief followed up with Al-Hosani on May 10 with points from reftel B and was told that several other governments had contacted the MFA to ask the UAE to block the Belarus bid for a seat on the UN Human Rights Council. Al-Hosani said that the UAE has not developed an official position yet, but that he was in contact with the UAE mission in New York. Al-Hosani told EconChief that the UAE was not currently supporting the Belarus bid and that, personally, he believed the UAE would not support Belarus. SISON